

Dear Craig,

My wife, Mary Beth Murphy, and I live in Tarrytown, which appears in the District 7 of the [Official Preliminary Map](#) drafted by the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC). We do not support the configuration of District 7 as it appears in the ICRC's Official Preliminary Map.

We agree with the testimony submitted by the West Austin Neighborhood Group (WANG). In particular we agree with WANG that the current version of District 7, as it appears in the ICRC's Official Preliminary Map, does not meet the required mapping criteria, because it "fails to account for the greater affinity of community interests, neighborhood regions, and geographic boundaries in the central and west parts of Austin."

We support the Alternative Central West Austin Compact Map proposed by WANG, as described in its testimony of September 28, 2013. We ask that the ICRC adopt the WANG Alternative Central West Austin Compact Map. You'll find the relevant excerpt of WAG's testimony, including a link to WANG's Alternative Central West Austin Compact Map, beneath my signature line.

Our thanks to the ICRC and to you for undertaking the very important and challenging work of drawing single-member districts for Austin. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding our views.

Best regards,

Ralph Hasson